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[11](#). (SBU) Violence in Jos had calmed by the morning of January 21 in Jos. The reinforced military and police presence is keeping people off the streets. Nigerian Chief of Army Staff Dambazau visited Jos January 21 to assess security, adding to the climate of calm. Plateau State Governor Jonah Jang has loosened the curfew from 24 hours to 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., allowing citizens to resupply food and water in their homes. Most stores and offices remained closed.

[12](#). (C) International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) spokesperson Robin Waudo told PolOff on January 21 that local ICRC personnel confirmed reports of restored calm in the city of Jos. He noted that, the previous day, with the full curfew still in force, ICRC and other humanitarian groups moved about under police escort to survey the damage and human toll. They reported seeing numerous police and military personnel as well as other humanitarian observers. Waudo indicated that a meeting between government and humanitarian agencies would occur January 21 to coordinate what each group would be able to contribute in support of citizens. Waudo estimated displacement of 18,000 citizens from their homes, with many taking refuge in churches, mosques, police barracks, and the NDLEA training center. He expressed hope that, with the lifting of curfew during daylight hours, some displaced persons would return to their own homes.

[13](#). (C) Jasawa Development Association President Alhaji Shehu Ibrahim Massala told PolOff January 21 that he did not hear any gun shots or fighting the previous day. Yet, he described the situation for Muslims outside the city as difficult. He reported receiving several calls from Muslims pleading for help because they did not have a way to escape assailants and many of their homes had been destroyed. Massala said they now focused on burying the dead, and estimated that at least 100 persons would be buried in a mass grave January 21.

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